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Judge temporarily blocks release of special counsel report on Trump cases as court fight simmers



Special counsel Jack Smith speaks to the media about an indictment of former President Donald Trump, Aug. 1, 2023, at an office of the Department of Justice in Washington.

Associated Press

By ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday temporarily blocked the public release of special counsel Jack Smith's report on investigations into Donald Trump as an appeals court weighs a challenge to the disclosure of a much-

anticipated document just days before the president-elect reclaims office. The ruling from U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon may represent a short-lived victory for Trump, but it's nonetheless the latest instance of the Trump-appointed jurist taking action in the Republican's favor. The

halt followed to an emergency request Monday by defense lawyers to block the release of a report that they said would be one-sided and prejudicial. Smith's team is expected to respond later Tuesday.

Trump responded to Cannon's order by complaining anew at a news conference about Smith's investigation and saying, "It'll be a fake report just like it was a fake investigation."

It was unclear what the Justice Department, which has its own guidelines governing special counsels and the reports they are expected to produce when they conclude their own, intended to do following Cannon's order.

The two-volume report is expected to describe charging decisions made in separate investigations by Smith into Trump's hoarding of classified documents

at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida, and his efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election in the run-up to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. Cannon's order did not make a distinction between the two volumes, instead barring the release of any information from any report until three days after the matter is resolved by the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, unless the court orders otherwise.

Smith pledged earlier in the day that at least the volume on the documents investigation would not be made public by the Justice Department before 10 a.m. on Friday at the earliest, though the decision on what to make public ultimately rests with Attorney General Merrick Garland. Trump was charged alongside two co-defendants in

the classified documents case, which was dismissed in July by Cannon, who concluded that Smith's appointment was illegal. Trump was also charged in an election interference case that was significantly narrowed by a Supreme Court ruling on presidential immunity. Smith's team abandoned both cases in November after Trump's presidential victory, citing Justice Department policy that prohibits the federal prosecutions of sitting presidents. Lawyers for Trump, including Todd Blanche, who was picked by Trump to serve as his deputy attorney general, urged Garland in a letter made public late Monday to block the release of the report and to remove Smith from his position "promptly" — or defer the release of the report to the incoming attorney general. □

New labels will help people pick devices less at risk of hacking

By DAVID KLEPPER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fed-

eral government is rolling out a consumer labeling system designed to help Americans

pick smart devices that are less vulnerable to hacking. Under the voluntary program,

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White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre talks about a cybersecurity certification and labeling program at the White House in Washington, July 18, 2023.

Associated Press

called the U.S. Cyber Trust Mark Initiative, manufacturers can affix the label on their products if they meet federal cybersecurity standards. The types of devices that can seek to carry the label include baby monitors, home security cameras, fitness trackers, refrigerators and other internet-connected appliances.

The labels will include a distinctive shield logo as well as QR codes that consumers can scan for more information about the security of the device. Products bearing

the label should be available this year, once manufacturers begin submitting their devices for approval, said deputy national security adviser Anne Neuberger, who briefed reporters on the new program Tuesday.

"It gives consumers an easy way to check if a home alarm system or baby monitor is cyber safe," Neuberger said, noting that the average American household now has 21 devices that are connected to the internet — each presenting a possible entry point for cybercriminals. □

The U.N. says more than 5,600 people were killed in Haiti last year as gangs rampage

By EVENS SANON
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— More than 5,600 people were reported killed in Haiti last year as a U.N.-backed mission led by Kenya struggles to contain rampant gang violence, officials said Tuesday.

The number of killings increased by more than 20% compared with all of 2023, according to the U.N. Human Rights Office.

In addition, more than 2,200 people were reported injured and nearly 1,500 kidnapped, it said.

"These figures alone cannot capture the absolute horrors being perpetrated in Haiti, but they show the unrelenting violence to which people are being subjected," Volker Türk, U.N. high commissioner for human rights, said in a statement.

Among the victims are two journalists and a police officer killed when gunmen opened fire on a crowd that gathered on Christmas Eve for the much-anticipated reopening of Haiti's biggest public hospital, which gangs forced closed earlier this year.

Overall, gang violence has left more than 700,000 Haitians homeless in recent years, with many crowding into makeshift and unsanitary shelters after gunmen razed their homes.

"I saw family members being murdered, and there was nothing I could do to save them," recalled Garry Joseph, 55, who now lives in an abandoned government office with hundreds of others who fled their neighborhoods.

"Everybody was running for their lives the night we had to leave."

Last year's victims include more than 200 people killed in early December in a gang-controlled slum, many of them older Haitians, after a gang leader sought to avenge his son's death following Vodou rituals, according to the U.N. It was one of the biggest massacres reported in Port-au-Prince in recent history.



Journalists sit wounded after being shot by armed gangs at the General Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024.

Associated Press

"It's time for them to die," said Anita Jean-Marie of gang members.

"They've made people's lives unbearable."

The 49-year-old mother of two boys lives in an overcrowded shelter after gangs chased them out of their home:

"We don't know what they're fighting over."

Among those killed last year are 315 suspected gang members or people associated with them who were lynched and more than 280 people killed by police in alleged summary executions, the U.N. said.

"It has long been clear that impunity for human rights violations and abuses, as well as corruption, remain prevalent in Haiti," Türk said.

He called for more logistical and financial support for the U.N.-backed mission that began in early June as the U.S. and other countries called for a U.N. peacekeeping mission.

About 400 police officers from Kenya are leading the mission and were joined days ago by some 150 military police officers from Central America, the majority from Guatemala. Jamaica, Bahamas and Belize have sent a handful of personnel, while other nations including Barbados, Bangladesh and

Chad have pledged to do the same, but it isn't clear when they would be deployed.

The number remains far below the 2,500 officers expected for the mission.

In another blow to Haiti's stability, Sunrise Airways announced Monday that it would temporarily suspend flights to and from the capital of Port-au-Prince, 85% of which is controlled by gangs.

It did not provide a motive, saying only that the decision was based on circumstances out of its control, adding that the safety of passengers and crew members were a priority. □

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Cocktails with a Story: Caya House Brings a Unique Flavor Experience to Aruba

This season, Caya House invites guests to discover a cocktail menu that blends unique flavors from Latin America and the Caribbean into every drink. Under the direction of mixologist David Posada, each cocktail at Caya House tells a story, designed to take guests on a sensory journey that captures the vibrant essence of the region through every ingredient.

"At Caya, we believe cocktails are more than just drinks. They're an opportunity to experience the distinctive flavors and aromas of our lands," says David Posada, mixologist. Each cocktail is crafted with precision, combining modern and traditional techniques with exotic fruits, spices, and artisanal spirits.

Among the menu favorites are:

- **Warawara:** A refreshing mix of Caravella orancello, Sloe gin, pumpkin spice, and banana syrup, served over spear ice. This cocktail evokes the essence of autumn in the tropics.



- **Tu Corazon:** A standout drink with açai-infused cachaca and a hint of raw sugar, topped with a crisp slice of red beet for a unique, earthy finish.
- **Un Recuerdo:** A bold fusion of mezcal with tree tomato, butter infused with parmesan and shiitake, green tea cordial, and green chartreuse. Perfect for those looking for a robust, one-of-a-kind experience.



Caya House also features its signature **Lulada**, made with Flor de Caña rum infused with lulo, condensed milk, and lime leather—a perfect balance of sweetness and freshness for those seeking a tropical twist.

These cocktails are part of the "Caya Experience," with a wider variety of options for guests to explore, notes David, highlighting



the creativity behind each one. With this unique offering,

Caya House continues to stand out as an iconic destination for those in search of authentic Caribbean flavors in **Aruba**.

Caya House invites alike to enjoy this innovative cocktail menu in the heart of Palm Beach, Aruba. Each drink is a celebration of Latin-Caribbean culture and flavor!

Today Is Going To Be A Good Day

Here's why: Aruba Today collected some things to do BEYOND the beach. Yes, we know. Aruba, located 15 miles north of Venezuela in the warm waters of the southern Caribbean, is home to beautiful white-sand beaches, 82-degree days, and thus ideal for the perfect beach day. But we are also blessed with some of the warmest people in the world and our island is 19.6 miles long and 6 miles across, with a total area of 70 square miles. Bit more to discover than the white stretch on the coastline we say. Let's mention some of these hidden gems.

Nature Calls

The Arikok National park is worth the ride. We love the hikes that are guided by the park's rangers whose job is to maintain trails and protect natural resources. The flora and fauna are

beautiful and the historical sites tell you about the island's indigenous roots. The guided tours are even free of charge. If you are not up to walking, you can drive through the park, one way or another this park is a great place to spend an entire day. Cruising through the landscape you end up at some of the most stunning beaches like Dos Playa or Daimara Beach. In Total the park consists of 7907 acres protected nature with a richness of animals living in it. The Aruban whip-tail lizard (cododo), Aruban cat eye snake (santanero) and endangered rattle snake (cascabel) are just some of them, you can also admire these close in the park's Visitors' Center. For more information, visit the website www.arubanationalpark.org

The Lighthouse

No, you would not think of this as a hidden gem. The California Lighthouse is actually one of the most known highlights in Aruba and many repeated guests most probably took the ride uphill already. But, there is a significant change to this tower. Since September 2016 you can climb the top. In 2015 Stichting Monumentenfonds started the restoration of the California Lighthouse. The project finished in September 2016 and the Lighthouse is now open for visitors to enjoy the beautiful view from the top. The construction of the California Lighthouse started in 1915. The name 'California' came from a vessel of the West India Company and Pacific Steamship Co. called 'California' that shipwrecked in the area in 1891. Therefore they came up with the idea of building

a lighthouse that could indicate the island's eastern tip to ships with its light. www.arubalighthouse.com will give you more information.

Kayak in the Mangroves

Mangel Halto at Savaneta is definitely a place not to miss out on. The beautiful beach with the natural mangroves is simply a beauty, but if you are into a more active way to enjoy the nature: take a kayak. While you are doing some workout -as it might get a little windy and rough-, you will see the island from a different perspective. You can even make a stop to do some snorkeling at the reef. Its fun, it's healthy and for sure something else. There are several companies that offer kayak tours, we had good experience with The Shack Kayak Tours Aruba, find them on Facebook.

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Shedding light on Aruba's history

The narrative shared through Etnia Nativa, which means native ethnicity, emphasizes the importance of reclaiming and recognizing the island's cultural roots and heritage, which have often been overshadowed by colonial history. The entity actively engages in promoting the value of rediscovering native traditions, history and identities, while highlighting the importance of moving beyond colonial influences or submissive behavior.

A significant theme is the acknowledgment of the persistent colonial legacy in Aruba, which continues to shape the collective mindset. The influence of both Spanish and Dutch colonialism on Aruba and the broader Caribbean region is crucial for understanding how educational systems and ideologies have been influenced by these colonial powers. The way historical narratives are often framed through the lens of the colonizers resulting in a skewed perception of the past, one that needs to be challenged for a more authentic understanding.

Etnia Nativa reflects on the contrasting realities under the Spanish and Dutch colonial regimes. Under Spanish rule, indigenous peoples enjoyed some political recognition, as Spain treated their kingdoms as equal to those of Europe. However, this acknowledgment was far from the lived reality, where natives were still subjected to exploitation, or forced labor, and various forms of violence through systems like *encomienda*; a so-called grant by the Spanish Crown to colonists in America conferring the right to demand tribute and forced labor from the Indian inhabitants of an area.

Under Dutch rule, the situation for indigenous people was legally different. The Dutch colonial system theoretically provided indigenous peoples with rights as free citizens, not subject to the brutal enslavement practices seen under the Spanish. However, the gap between legal rights and the lived experience of the indigenous populations persisted. While there were some protections in place, these were often undermined by exploitation and severe deprivation. The indigenous populations were theoretically protected from enslavement, yet they faced other forms of systemic oppression.

The work of Etnia Nativa in shedding light on these contrasting historical narratives serves a dual purpose: not only does it honor the resilience and history of our island's

native inhabitants, but it also strives to contribute to a more honest and inclusive discussion about Aruba's identity and its future, moving away from colonial narratives and practices that have long shaped the island's cultural and social structures. In 1635, the Dutch West India Company employed some indigenous people as hunting servants. In exchange for their labor, they were given basic provisions such as clothing, shoes, and, for the first time, full rations of bread and "agua ardiente" (a type of alcohol). Although these individuals were officially considered "free," their living conditions were harsh, and their freedom was severely limited by the economic and social structures of the time. Their status, though legally not enslaved, was shaped by the demands of the colonial economy.

A court case from around 1804 in Aruba sheds light on the restrictions placed on the indigenous population. It concluded that while indigenous people were allowed to raise goats and sheep, they were prohibited from raising donkeys, horses, or cows. This limitation suggests that their economic autonomy was tightly controlled, as the colonial authorities sought to regulate and restrict indigenous involvement in certain economic activities.

Moreover, Aruba, Curaçao, and Bonaire hosted a population of "red slaves"—indigenous people who had been captured in conflicts on the mainland and brought to the islands by tribal chiefs. These captives, often young children, were taken during times of war and served various roles within the colonial economy. By the 19th century, many of these individuals were living on the islands, speaking their native languages, and continuing to be marginalized in the colonial social hierarchy.

The Dutch West India Company issued

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instructions aimed at "civilizing" the indigenous people. These instructions emphasized converting them to Christianity and promoting a "decent" lifestyle, which the Company defined according to European norms. The education of indigenous children was particularly emphasized, as the Company sought to change what it considered "barbaric practices" through efforts to encourage agricultural work, fishing, or other forms of labor. Idleness was viewed as a vice, and the Company believed that engaging indigenous people in work would prevent them from falling into what they saw as undesirable behaviors.

Thus, while Dutch rule theoretically offered legal protections for indigenous people—prohibiting their enslavement—the reality was far more complicated. □

If you enjoyed reading our stories and are interested in learning more regarding the true identity of the island, we recommend you to book a visit to Etnia Nativa—the only "living museum of its kind in the Caribbean"—a fascinating choice, a trend-setter since 1994 and co-founder of Islands National Park, Archaeological Museum Aruba and Artisan Foundation among others. Etnia Nativa shares valuable knowledge and connects you to the ancient island's spirit and soul. WhatsApp +297 592 2702 etnianativa03@gmail.com

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Here's Kelce! Retired Eagles great Jason Kelce tries his hand as a late-night television show host



Former NFL player and ESPN analyst Jason Kelce introduces the final segment during the taping of "They Call It Late Night with Jason Kelce", Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

By **DAN GELSTON**

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jason Kelce chatted with the Linc yes, the concrete and steel of the Philadelphia Eagles' home stadium answered him with a pep talk before the retired All-Pro lineman toured the city in his Eagles helmet car all while dressed in his Super Bowl parade Mummer's costume. He parked the souped-up golf cart and tossed the keys ZZ Top-style ahead of the first day of his new job.

He then dropped a profanity into the start of his monologue.

Roll out The Chug Machine, fly, F-bombs, fly and save a seat for Sir Charles because the latest host crashing late-night television is a bit more raw than the traditional suit-and-tie joke tellers.

Jason Kelce threw a late-night bash and he brought his wife, his parents, a fan with a Phillie Phanatic tattoo inked on his navel, a Philly band and an uncensored (at least on stage) take on sports for the first of five episodes of "They Call It Late Night with Jason Kelce" on ESPN.

Here's Kelce!

"I used to love watching late-night TV growing up," Kelce said.

Kelce quickly proved

there's space for another JK in late night Kelce disappeared into a portal where he walked out into (a pantsless) Jimmy Kimmel's office to ask for hosting advice and moderated a loose panel of sports topics with guests Charles Barkley, rapper and actor Lil Dicky, and NFL Network analyst Brian Baldinger. And Kelce said he received real guidance from Kimmel on the art of hosting.

"He sat me down and really explained some things that he thought would accelerate this process for me," Kelce said.

Kelce bantered with the guests during commercial breaks and took questions from a few of about 300

fans in the audience. When a fan from New Jersey invited Kelce to his wedding, the retired star quipped, "I don't go into New Jersey." Eagles fan and Penn State student Caleb Tinley learned only two days earlier he was randomly selected for a pair of free tickets and was first in line around noon to get a good seat for the taping. He's a fan of the "New Heights" podcast Kelce co-hosts with his brother, Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce, and figured the TV show was as close to that experience as he could get.

"Ever since he had that speech at the Super Bowl, he became a Philly legend," Tinley said. □

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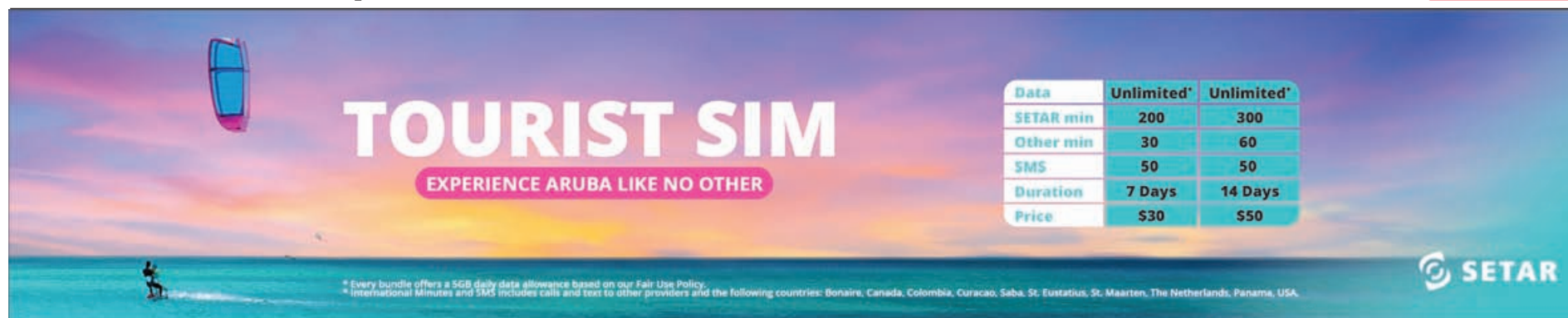
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Infini Reopens: A Story of Resilience, Gratitude, and Renewal

After several challenging days of recovery following the severe flooding that impacted our operations, Infini by Urvin Croes is pleased to announce that we are fully open once again.

Seeing our kitchen flooded was a moment of great concern for our entire team. However, thanks to the unwavering dedication of our staff, the support of our families, friends, suppliers, and the encouraging messages from our community, we found the strength to rebuild, return stronger than ever, and do so in record time.

A Safer and More Resilient Infini

In response to this unprecedented challenge, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the safety and integrity of our restaurant moving forward. New drainage systems have been installed to effectively manage any potential future flooding, protecting our space from similar incidents.



We have also reinforced our infrastructure, including repairs to the front windows and an updated inspection protocol for critical equipment, creating a safer environment for our guests and staff alike.

These efforts are part of our unwavering commitment to excellence—not just in culinary artistry, but in the overall experience and security we provide to everyone who steps into Infini.

A New Chapter Begins

This experience has reminded

us of the power of unity and resilience. We are filled with gratitude for each and every one of you who supported us through this journey. We are thrilled to welcome you back to **Infini** with our new **Menu 12**, which our team has worked tirelessly to create. This exciting menu celebrates the art of gastronomy and the rich culinary heritage of Aruba and the Caribbean, all in partnership with our valued local suppliers.

However, we must note that due to the damage sustained, some of our equipment is still out of operation. This temporarily limits our ability to accommodate dietary restrictions, allergies, or preferences with the level of care we usually provide. We will inform you as soon as we are able to offer vegan options or other dietary accommodations once again. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and deeply appreciate your understanding as we continue to improve our op-



erations.

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NFL playoffs feature veteran running backs producing successful second acts with new teams

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**

AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Those veteran running backs who changed addresses in the offseason have given themselves a chance to showcase the difference they can make in the postseason.

Plenty of contenders capitalized on a crowded market by adding proven ball carriers. The moves paid major dividends. Now players such as Philadelphia's Saquon Barkley, Baltimore's Derrick Henry and Green Bay's Josh Jacobs are welcoming the playoff opportunities they didn't

get often enough with their original teams. Barkley made that clear after the Eagles decided to rest him for their regular-season finale rather than giving him a chance to break Eric Dickerson's single-season rushing record.

"We didn't come here and I didn't sign here to break Eric Dickerson's record," Barkley said. "We came here to win a Super Bowl. I think everyone knows that."

Barkley's only playoff experience in his seven seasons with the New York Giants was a two-game run to the 2022 divisional round. Jacobs

appeared in just one playoff game in five seasons with the Oakland/Las Vegas Raiders. Their new teams meet Sunday when the Eagles (14-3) host the Packers (11-6) in the wild-card round.

"I'm not just satisfied with going to the playoffs," Jacobs said. "I came here to win the Super Bowl. So, for me, that's the only thing that's really on my mind. I'm about to give everything that I've got to this and see how it could play out." Their playoff matchup follows a banner regular season for veteran running backs who switched teams.



Baltimore Ravens running back Derrick Henry (22) scores on a 43-yard touchdown run during the second half of an NFL football game against the Cleveland Browns Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, in Baltimore.

Associated Press

Heading into this season, only three players had rushed for at least 1,200 yards with multiple teams since 2010, according to Sportradar: LeSean

McCoy (Philadelphia and Buffalo), DeMarco Murray (Dallas and Tennessee) and Christian McCaffrey (Carolina and San Francisco). ☐